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End-of-Course Assessments

To: Corporation Test Coordinators

From: Michele Walker, Director of School Assessment

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Re: Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment System - Online & Paper-and-Pencil Testing for 2006-2007

This memorandum outlines details to help you plan for the upcoming 2006-2007 administration of the Core 40 End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs). As a Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC), you are responsible for registering each of the schools in your corporation that will be participating in these assessments.

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2006-2007 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ECAS?

Online
Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11 are operational tests for the 2006-2007 school year. To accommodate various school schedules and to allow for increased participation, the state is offering online winter and spring test administrations again this year.

Paper-and-Pencil
Paper-and-Pencil ECAs will only be available during the spring testing window. For this administration, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11 will <u>NOT</u> be scored locally. These operational ECAs will be shipped back to the state's testing vendor and student scores will be available within 7 working days of receipt via the online reporting system.

The United States History End-of-Course Assessment will be available **only** in paper-and-pencil format and **only** during the spring administration.

Time Allotment
For the 2006-2007 administration, the time allotment for each assessment is divided into two sessions: Session 1 and Session 2. Each session takes approximately 45 minutes to administer to students.

Registration

CTC registration for all of the administrations will begin November 20, 2006. *A separate email with specific instructions for the registration process will be sent on November 20, 2006.*

2006 – 2007 ECA Participation

All students finishing **Algebra I** *at the time of testing*, including middle school students taking Algebra I, should participate in the **Algebra I End-of-Course Assessment.**

All students finishing **Algebra II** *at the time of testing* should participate in the **Algebra II End-of- Course Assessment.**

All students finishing **Biology I** *at the time of testing* should participate in the **Biology I End-of-Course Assessment.**

All Grade 11 students finishing an **English/Language Arts** course *at the time of testing*, regardless of the specific English course, should participate in the **English 11 End-of-Course Assessment.**

Interactive Web Training Sessions

Interactive web training sessions are scheduled to familiarize Corporation Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, and Teachers and/or Examiners with the online testing process. These training sessions are scheduled prior to Administration 1 and 3.

Web Training Calendar for the 2006-2007 administrations (EST)

Training Session	Date	Time	Focus of Training
#1	Tuesday, November 28	8:30 – 9:30 am	CTC Registration
#2	Thursday, November 30	2:30 – 3:30 pm	CTC/STC Registration
#3	Monday, December 4	8:30 – 9:15 am	CTC/STC Refresher
#4	Wednesday, December 6	3:00 – 3:45 pm	Teacher and/or Examiner

Web Training Registration
Be sure to register the School Test Coordinators, Teachers and/or Examiners who need a refresher or who have not participated in online testing in the past. To

register yourself and your staff for a Web Training Session, please send the following information for each participant via **e-mail** to:

Core40Support@achievementdata.com

1. Date of Session
2. Participant's name
3. School name
4. E-mail address
5. Telephone number

Once registered, each participant will be sent specific details on the web training site and login information. If multiple people will be sitting in on the same training under one login, indicate which person will be the lead contact and should be responsible for receiving the registration information.

ECA Registration

As previously indicated, online registration will be available beginning November 20, 2006. The following information is for planning purposes.

Administration	Registration Deadline	Testing Available
1: December 12 – 22, 2006 and January 3 – 12, 2007	December 8, 2006	**Online:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11
2: February 5 – 23, 2007	February 2, 2007	**Online:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11
3: April 30 – May 25, 2007	**Paper-and-Pencil:** February 28, 2007	**Paper-and-Pencil:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11 US History
	Online: April 16, 2007	**Online:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, and English 11

Additional Information

Core 40 End-of-Course Assessment Related Questions and General Information:
IDOE's ECA Help Desk
Phone (317) 232-9050
Email: eca@doe.state.in.us

Online Technology or Paper/Pencil Testing Related Questions:
Phone: 1-877-IC40-ECA (1-877-424-0322)
Email: Core40Support@achievementdata.com

Note: Phone numbers have been updated from previous administrations.